

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my

soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD *forever.*

- Psalm 23



Charlotte Halvorson Dobrovolny, 96, died Friday, March 27, 2020, at Trinity Nursing Home in Minot.

Charlotte was born on July 8, 1923, in Chippewa County, Minnesota to Martin and Asta (Christenson) Nelson. She attended grade school in Ross and later graduated as salutatorian from Palermo High School in 1941.

She married Eldor Halvorson in 1942 and they had three children: Allan, Sandra, and David. She was a talented seamstress, sewing for herself and her daughter. Nothing made her two sons happier than chowing down her famous fried chicken and pumpkin pie. A highlight for her during this time was the gathering of the neighbor ladies to celebrate the birthdays of each one.

Charlotte was devoted to her church. She taught Sunday School and Bible School and was very active for years in the Ladies Aid, as well as Bible Study. Because she was an expressive reader, she often opened the monthly Luther League program with a reading/devotions. She was advisor for the youth gatherings/programs and sang in the church choir.

She was a loving, accepting woman who appreciated diversity. Charlotte and Eldor opened their home to become foster parents of two young Native American boys, Jared and Jeffrey Starr, who lived with them for eight years.

Eldor died in 1983, after which Charlotte bought a home in Stanley and worked at Bethel Nursing Home. Her spirituality continued to grow as she became a member of Our Savior's Free Lutheran Church. Quilting for missions became her passion.

In 1991, she married Joe Dobrovolny and moved to his home in Ross. They enjoyed several years of Saturday night dancing in Minot. They later moved to Elmcroft Assisted Living in Minot, which is where they lived until she moved to Trinity Nursing Home.

Her surviving family members include her husband, Joe, and his five children; her daughter, Sandra Enget, Bismarck, and her son, David (Vickie) Halvorson. Her son, Allan Halvorson, died in 2010. She is also survived by four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Eddie (Buddy) Nelson, Avis Knudson, and Clarice Halvorson; and her granddaughter, Brenda Halvorson.



In Loving Memory Of

Charlotte Iona Dobrovolny

July 8, 1923 - March 27, 2020



In Loving Memory
Charlotte I. Dobrovolny

Born to Martin & Asta Nelson

July 8, 1923

Chippewa County, Minnesota

Called Home to Her Heavenly Father

March 27, 2020

Minot, North Dakota

Funeral Services

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Our Saviors Free Lutheran Church

Stanley, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Rodney Johnson

Pastor Erin Tormanen

Music

Heidi Fluhrer ~ Accompanist

Pallbearers

Jared Enget

Nicholas Barth

David Barth

Richard Halvorson

James Dobrovolny

Brad Beck

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Charlotte's Family & Friends

Final Resting Place

Resthaven Cemetery

Palermo, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home

Stanley, North Dakota



*A Quilter treasures life's moments
one stitch at a time.
She knows the joy of patiently creating
a work of art that can only grow
more precious with the gift of years.
She tells a beautiful story
With patterns and colors, and
the patchwork of her life is
woven with threads
of laughter and tears, memories and dreams.
A Quilter understands the value
of preserving the past
and has a heart gentle enough to stitch
the gift of love into our lives for the future.
A Quilter knows the blessing
of treasuring life's moments one stitch at a time.*